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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1731

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 5788.0111-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Giacomo Stefano ROBA et al.

Application No.: 09/465,016

Filed: December 16, 1999

FOR METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING
AN OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM BY
COMBUSTIONLESS HYDROLYSIS

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Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In reply to the Final Office Action of May 9, 2002, the period of response extended two additional months to October 9, 2002, by the accompanying petition and fee of \$400.00, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 8, and 9 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) Method for manufacturing a glass preform by depositing an aerosol stream of glass particles onto a target, which comprises:

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